



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.: 09/724,039 : **Examiner:** Harish T. Dass

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For: METHOD, SOFTWARE PROGRAM :
AND SYSTEM FOR ISOLATING :
RISK IN A FINANCIAL :
TRANSACTION :

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO AUGUST 19, 2005 OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

This Amendment is filed in reply to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 19, 2005 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The August 19, 2005 Office Action provided a period of 3 months in which to file a response, i.e., by November 19, 2005. A Petition for a one-month extension of time is being filed herewith. Accordingly, a response to the August 19, 2005 Office Action is now due by December 19, 2005 and this Amendment is being timely filed.